



LOCHHILL EQUESTRIAN

CENTRE PONY CLUB

LOCHHILL, RINGFORD, BY CASTLE DOUGLAS

SPRING 2018

Fund raising

The young members did their challenge day then the older members their sponsored ride – we are still ingathering money but will be able to make a good donation to the Equine Grass Sickness fund shortly – details to follow.

The balance of the funds are going towards our annual trip – see below.

Visit to the Royal Highland Show

We've done some more research and given the money raised by the Pony Club members, it appears that the most cost effective and convenient way to get to the show will be to hire a coach. That saves us driving to the train station and the cost of the train tickets and the tram tickets from Haymarket to the show – and it means we can travel together as a group (and we don't need to worry about losing anyone in the middle of Edinburgh!!)

We've also decided that it would be better for our members to go to the show on Sunday 24th June (rather than the Saturday) as the Sunday is the family day and is likely to be a little less busy. Hiring a coach rather than relying on public transport or driving ourselves has given us this option.

The coach will pick up in Castle Douglas and Dumfries – times and final details to be confirmed but we will leave around 8am and be home around 8pm, give or take.

We've also confirmed that children 15 and under can enter the show free with a paying adult which is great news – the money we've raised to date will go towards the cost of the coach so Pony Club members who were able to take part in the fun raising events should be able to go to the show at no cost, only needing their spending money.

For health and safety, all PC members 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Other PC members will be "attached" to a supervising adult for the trip if not planning to go with a family member. Adults will need to pay for their entry to the show and make a contribution towards the cost of travel. Any additional children who are not PC members must have an accompanying adult – we are not insured to supervise them.

We now need to know urgently who is going on the trip to allow us to book the right size of bus. If we have enough interest from PC family members and friends, we will get a bigger bus – as long as we can fill the seats and keep the cost down – and our plans represent good value for money.

There is a form attached – this needs to be completed and returned **BY MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2018** together with any money for additional adults or family members wishing to come along. We cannot reserve tickets without payment in advance.

If you say you are going, you will be committed and we cannot refund tickets.

We are checking group discounts and it looks like adult tickets for the show are £22 each if bought in advance – we are proposing charging all adults £10 a head for the coach.

Pony Club members who were not able to take part in the fund raisers may still be able to come on the trip but at a cost of £25 each if there is room on the coach. If we have extra seats over and above, we may make them available to offset out costs.

So, please complete the form and return it to Lochhill with any money required (cheques payable to the Lochhill Equestrian Centre Pony Club) as soon as you can please and prior to 23/4/18. Phone Lyndsay on 07812 786 555 if you are unsure about anything.

Pony Club tests and badges

Incredibly well done to all the PC members who passed their recent PC tests. Helen and the team at Lochhill provide a huge amount of support for the PC members and the members all did us proud when Justine Hunter-Brown assessed them – all passing their tests! Justine is a very fair and supportive assessor and the PC members learned a lot from her without realising it!

The PC members also received the badges they worked for over the winter – these should be sewed onto their PC sweatshirts. The cost of the badges was marked on the bags they came in and could we please have this money paid to go back into funds.

Spring Friday night jumping league

Starting Friday 13th April 2018 for 6 weeks, the league is a good chance for PC members to start competing but on home ground with support and help at hand. Ponies/horses can be hired for the classes and older PC members will help with lead rein competitors. Cost is £12 per class (including hire of pony/horse) or £8 per class with your own pony/horse.

The Pony Club teastall will be open – adult helpers are required to man the stall (list in the office) and provide a bit of baking to sell. This is quite a good fund raiser for us so we'd encourage you all to support it. We sell coffee/tea/juice and cakes/biscuits. Catering is also available – soup, chips, burger etc from Becky.

If taking part, PC or Lochhill sweatshirts are fine or jackets if you have them (but jackets are not compulsory) – it's an open competition and a chance to practice – but it's meant to be fun! There are trophies to be presented when all points earned in the Spring are amalgamated with the Autumn league which starts in August and again runs for 6 weeks.

Open Working Hunter competition

This is the annual WH at Lochhill – and again it's open to everyone – Sunday 29th April 2018.

WH involves a round of show jumping then a ridden show and it's run on formal lines with outside judges.

Again, it's a good chance to try competing at home and ponies and horses will be available for hire if your PC member wants to take part. However, speak to Helen as you will need to be prepared to groom your own pony or horse and turn it out for the show and competitors also need to be properly turned out – but we will all help if you want to give it a go!

If you just want to come along and see the event, catering will again be available – if you are able to bake or give us an hour of your time to man the PC teastall (which again is a useful source of funds) please let us know.

Riding of the Marches/ride outs

Horses and ponies may be available to hire if you want to take part in these local events – speak to Helen.

We are also looking at other events for the summer so keep an eye on the website.

PLEASE LET US KNOW URGENTLY YOU IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW AND LET US HAVE THE FORM AND ANY MONEY REQUIRED NO LATER THAN MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2018 – WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE WITHOUT BOTH

Thank you!

Lochhill Equestrian Centre Pony Club Committee

LOCHHILL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE PONY CLUB

TRIP TO THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW AT INGLESTON, EDINBURGH ON SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2018

PONY CLUB MEMBER'S NAME.....

AGE (IF 10 YEARS OR UNDER, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED).....

IF 10 YEARS AND UNDER, ACCOMPANYING ADULT NAME

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EMERGENCY CONTACT MOBILE PHONE NUMBER.....

ADDITIONAL TICKETS

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ADULT TICKETS @£22 EACH AND SEATS ON THE BUS @£10 EACH, TOTAL £32

EACH REQUIRED.....and ADULT NAMES.....

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?ANY ADDITIONAL SEATS (CHILDREN 15 AND UNDER) REQUIRED ON THE BUS @£10 PER HEAD? (NO ENTRY FEE PAYABLE IF ACCOMPANIED BY A PAYING ADULT)

.....and CHILD NAMES/AGE.....

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TICKETS REQUIRED FOR ANY PONY CLUB MEMBER NOT ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE FUN RAISERS @

£25 PER HEAD?.....

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED

TO BE RETURNED TO LOCHHILL NO LATER THAN MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2018

THANK YOU VERY MUCH